

April 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — The Board of School Directors of the Fox Chapel Area School District held its regular business meeting at Fox Chapel Area High School March 7, 2016. President Terry L. Wirginis called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice President Nancy B. Foster; Treasurer Charles R. Burke Jr.; Somer Obernauer Jr.; Lisa M. Rutkowski; Eric C. Schmidt; Dharmesh Vyas, M.D., Ph.D.; and Joel R. Weinstein.

GUESTS (April 4, 2016)

Certificates of Merit — The Board presented certificates of merit to the following students:

- Two Fox Chapel Area High School wrestlers recently qualified for the PIAA Class AAA Wrestling Championships. The wrestlers are senior **Michael Mahon** and sophomore **Zachary Carcy**. The state meet was held at the Giant Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania, March 10-12, 2016.

- Fox Chapel Area High School freshman diver **Jonah Cagley** recently qualified for the PIAA Class AAA Diving Championships. The PIAA Class AAA Swimming & Diving Championships were held March 16 and 17, 2016, at Bucknell University.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment and Fire Drills — Received the enrollment and the fire drills report.

Information

•DMS Philharmonic Orchestra Performs at State Festival

The Dorseyville Middle School Philharmonic Orchestra was selected to perform at the 2016 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Annual Conference. The group performed April 1 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The PMEA selected the Dorseyville Middle School Philharmonic from more than 130 other performance ensembles based on their "Superior" rating on the Grade V- and IV-level music at the 2015 PMEA Performance Assessment that was held in May of 2015.

The Dorseyville Philharmonic Orchestra includes approximately 65 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students and the orchestra is under the direction of teacher **Jeffrey Bryer**.

•High School Students Selected for Cager Classic

Three Fox Chapel Area High School seniors were selected to participate in the 20th Annual Alle-Kiski Valley Cager Classic All-Star boys' and girls' basketball games. The students are **Brendon Urso** and **Michael Zappala** (selected for the east boys' team) and **Kayla Slovenec** (selected for the west girls' team). Additionally, the night before the games, Brendon was the winner of the boys' 3-point contest, and he teamed with a Plum player to win the co-ed hot shot contest. Both contests were held in conjunction with the Cager Classic.

A total of 46 senior boys and girls from school districts across the Alle-Kiski Valley were chosen to play on the teams. The A-K Valley Cager Classic games were played March 19, 2016, at Highlands High School.

•High School Students Named to All-Section Basketball Teams

Two Fox Chapel Area High School students were recently named to all-section basketball teams. Junior **Gabriella Badway** was named to the WPIAL Class AAAA Section 2 All-Section Girls' Basketball Team. Senior **Michael Zappala** was named to the WPIAL Class AAAA Section 2 All-Section Boys' Basketball Team. The all-section teams were selected by the section coaches.

•Fox Chapel Area School Board Upcoming Meetings

May 2, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – Dorseyville Middle School Auditorium

May 9, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

June 6, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Agenda Study Session – O'Hara Elementary Auditorium

June 13, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Regular Business Meeting – High School LGI Room

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approved the minutes of the combined agenda study session and regular business meeting dated March 7, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS – The superintendent recommended that action be taken on the following items of business:

Finance

Disbursements (A) – General fund disbursements (Fund 10) in the amount of \$11,842,033.64 from March 1, 2016, through March 31, 2016, were approved.

Disbursements (B) – GO Bond Series 2013 Construction Fund disbursements (Fund 33) in the amount of \$612,467.83 for March 2016 were approved.

Disbursements (C) – Capital projects fund disbursements (Fund 31) in the amount of \$100,728.67 for March 2016 were approved.

Disbursements (D) – Athletic capital projects funds disbursements (Fund 32) in the amount of \$1,250.00 for March 2016 were approved.

Finance Report – The finance report for February 2016 was acknowledged and filed for audit.

Budget Transfers – Several budget transfers for 2015-2016 were approved.

Tax Collectors' Depositories – The following depositories for real estate elected tax collectors were approved as recommended by the appropriate elected official: Aspinwall – Georgene Veltri – PNC Bank, Blawnox – Kathleen Ulanowicz – Allegheny Valley Bank, Indiana – Phyllis Will – PNC Bank, and Sharpsburg – Patricia Hyatt – PNC Bank. The Board of School Directors must approve the depositories for real estate elected tax collectors annually.

A.W. Beattie Career Center – Resolution – Approved a resolution authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt for the purpose of refinancing, for debt service savings, the district's share of the A.W. Beattie Career Center's School Revenue Bonds, Series of 2008.

2016-2017 Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Rates – Information –

The Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium approved rates listed below are effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. The PPO and EPO plan increases are 2.25%. The dental increase for UC Flex and UC Plus is 0%. The vision increase is also 0%.

<u>Monthly Coverage</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Parent/Child</u>	<u>Parent/Children</u>	<u>Employee/Spouse</u>	<u>Family</u>
Cmnty. Blue Flex PPO	\$575.06	\$1,289.32	\$1,418.24	\$1,562.21	\$1,624.27
Cmnty. Blue Flex EPO	\$537.21	\$1,204.98	\$1,325.46	\$1,459.39	\$1,517.46
UC Flex	\$ 26.21				\$ 86.18
UC Plus	\$ 16.84				\$ 49.01
Davis Vision	\$ 4.79				\$ 11.70

Instruction

Memorandum of Agreement – Dual Enrollment Programs – Approved the agreement between the Community College of Allegheny County and the Fox Chapel Area School District for dual enrollment programs effective for the 2016-2017 school term.

Legislation/Policy

Policy – Revised – Approved the following revised policy: No. 348 – Unlawful Harassment.

Personnel

Candidates for employment under this section were approved subject to verification of the results of physical and drug screening examinations, required clearances, and all other essential employment requirements under Policy and Administrative Regulations 304-AR and 304-AR-4.

Resignation

Employment Agreement – Accepted the following employment agreement resignation:

- **Deborah I. Gazica**, business office manager, due to retirement, effective June 30, 2016.

Leaves

Professional – Approved the following professional leaves:

- **Tracy A. Barbosky**, reading teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, for a first-semester educational sabbatical, effective August 22, 2016, with return scheduled for January 20, 2017.
- **Amy J. Beresik**, music teacher at Dorseyville Middle School, for an educational sabbatical, effective August 22, 2016, with return scheduled for the first day of the 2017-2018 school term.
- **Christina E. Congalton**, business education teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, for child-rearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, beginning August 22, 2016, with return scheduled for December 1, 2016.
- **Christa L. Dolansky**, autistic support teacher at Fox Chapel Area High School, previously approved for child-rearing/adoption leave, under Article Eleven (D) of the Fox Chapel Educators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, with return scheduled for May 17, 2016, for an extension of childrearing/adoption leave, with return scheduled for August 22, 2016.
- **Danielle Gumto**, elementary teacher at O'Hara Elementary School, for a first-semester educational sabbatical, effective August 22, 2016, with return scheduled for January 20, 2017.

Appointments

Custodial/Maintenance – Ratified the following custodial appointment:

- **Rodney W. Staton** for a 10-month, 8-hours/day custodial position with Fox Chapel Area School District, effective April 4, 2016. Salary and fringe benefits as per the Service Employees International Union Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is available due to the retirement of **Michael Rapino**.

Supplemental Contracts – Non-Athletic – The following non-athletic supplemental contracts are ratified for the 2015-2016 school term: **Stephanie Abriatis** – Mentor Teacher and **John McKechnie** – Mentor Teacher.

Extra Innings

Teachers – The following employee was ratified as an Extra Innings teacher for the 2015-2016 school term at an hourly rate with a maximum of 60 hours of planning/instruction: O'Hara Elementary School – **Koren Shelvey**.

Substitutes – The following employees were ratified as Extra Innings substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school term at an hourly rate: **Shannon Frick** and **Rachel Tobias**.

Purchase-of-Service

School Psychologist Services – Ratified the following school psychologist purchase-of-service agreements between the Fox Chapel Area School District and:

- **Renee Catanzaro** to provide special education evaluations, effective February 17, 2016, through June 30, 2016, at an hourly rate.
- **Cynthia L. Page** to provide special education evaluations, effective February 17, 2016, through June 30, 2016, at an hourly rate.

Operations/Cooperative Services

Plancon Part I – Interim Reporting – Resolution 2016-6 – Approved Resolution 2016-6 authorizing the submission of Plancon Part I to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the high school construction project.

Change Orders – Fox Chapel Area High School Construction – Approved change orders 001-GC-019 and 003-MC-012 at a total cost of \$134,136.01 for the high school construction project pending PDE approval of Plancon Part I. These change orders were reviewed and approved by the Fox Chapel Area School Authority Board.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

FOX CHAPEL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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